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### **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a bel w named inventor, I declare that:



My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am an original, first and joint invent r of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: USE OF (-) (3-TRIHALOMETHYLPHENOXY) (4-HALOPHENYL) ACETIC ACID DERIVATIVES FOR TREATMENT OF INSULIN RESISTANCE, TYPE 2 DIABETES AND HYPERLIPIDEMIA the specification of which was filed on June 4, 1999 as Application No. 09/325,997.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code f Federal Regulations, Section 1.56. I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any f reign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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#### ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

JOINT

WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Luskey, of 21185 Toll Gate Road, Saratoga, CA 95070, Jian Luo, of 240 Klamath Street, Brisbane, CA 94005, hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention:

USE OF (-)(3-TRIHALOMETHYLPHENOXY) (4-HALOPHENYL) ACETIC ACID DERIVATIVES FOR TREATMENT OF INSULIN RESISTANCE, TYPE 2 DIABETES AND HYPERLIPIDEMIA

Date(s) of execution of Declaration:

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June 4, 1999

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09/325,997; and

WHEREAS, METABOLEX, INC., located at 3876 Bay Center Place, Hayward, CA, 94545, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have assigned, and by these presents do assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors had this Assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

Dated:

Kenneth L. Luskey

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On October 1, 1999, before me, Evenue M. Grover Notice, personally appeared Kenneth L. Luskey, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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WHEREAS, Metabolex, Inc. a Delaware Corporation, located at 3876 Bay Center Place, Hayward, California 94545, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR," is the legal owner and constructive trustee of all rights in certain new and useful improvements ("the Inventions") as described and set forth in the below-identified applications for United States Letters Patents:

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